

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 155
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A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Tullahoma's Tree Board on their city's designation as a Tree City USA and their recognition as the best Tree Board in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, trees reduce erosion, reduce heating and cooling costs, moderate temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, paper, and heat, provide wildlife habitats, and beautify and enhance both business and personal property; and

WHEREAS, in 1872, Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for tree planting; this was the beginning of Arbor Day, which is now celebrated throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Tree City USA is a national organization that showcases communities that effectively use their public tree resources and otherwise attain excellence in the management of these natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Tullahoma has been recognized as one such community, having recently been named a Tree City USA, with the city's Tree Board being honored as the most outstanding such entity in the State of Tennessee; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Tullahoma has made outstanding efforts to preserve and promote trees through the city's urban forestry program; and

WHEREAS, Tullahoma has gone above and beyond the call of duty in promoting urban forestry and furthering community spirit; and

WHEREAS, as part of the massive success of the Tree City USA program in Tullahoma, Governor Phil Bredesen proclaimed March 2003 as "Arbor Month" in Tennessee, in observance of the importance of trees to the State and its communities; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of the city's accomplishments, Tullahoma was the site of the State of Tennessee's official Arbor Day ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, the Tree Board of Tullahoma has had a significant, positive impact upon forestry and beautification in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to honor these exemplary citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the City of Tullahoma on being named a Tree City USA, and the city's Tree Board on receiving the State Tree Board Award, and wish these worthy public servants all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.